

FISCAL NOTE

HB 965 - SB 1229

March 5, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a plaintiff in a medical malpractice case to file an affidavit of a health care professional licensed in the state within 60 days of filing of a complaint and file a HIPPA complaint medical information release authorization. Limits the right to damages for loss of consortium to a spouse, parent or child of the decedent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- There will not be a significant impact on the caseloads of the state trial and appellate court systems.
- The filing of affidavits could reduce the time of hearings which would not result in a significant decrease in state expenditures.
- The changes in loss of consortium claims would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the courts to implement and regulate such changes.
- Any impact will be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director